

## **Delaware Board of Well Drillers Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017**

Alan Pongratz called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. on February 14, 2017, in DNREC conference room B172. Members in attendance: Alan Pongratz, Mike Daisey, Steve McCreary, Eric Sackett, Melvyn Miller and Mike Kelley. A motion was made by Steve McCreary, seconded by Eric Sackett, and carried with no opposition, to accept the January 10, 2017, minutes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **The Board reviewed and discussed the following applications for new license with recommendations as follows:**
  - ✚ Joseph Barnak – East Coast Drilling applied for a well driller license. A motion was made by Mike Daisey and seconded by Steve McCreary to approve the application.
  - ✚ Sean Patrick Foster – East Coast Drilling applied for a well driller license. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to approve the application.
  - ✚ Kenneth John Atwood – East Coast Drilling applied for a well driller license. A motion was made by Mike Daisey and seconded by Eric Sackett to approve the application.
  - ✚ Justin Briddell – John D Hynes & Associates applied for a geotechnical well driller license. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Steve McCreary to approve the application.
  - ✚ Jonathon Andrew Clements – Vironex applied for a geotechnical well driller license. The board found the application to be lacking information. Question #9 on the application is not containing the required information. A motion was made by Mike Daisey and seconded by Eric Sackett to return the application as incomplete.
  - ✚ Marc Hauge – Cascade Drilling applied for a well driller license. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Kelley to approve the application.
  - ✚ Brian Hynes – John D Hynes & Associates applied for a geotechnical well driller license. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to approve the application.
- David Myers of B.L. Myers Brothers of PA, Inc. wrote a letter of correspondence to the board, dated February 10, 2017, requesting that the board grant him a hardship pardon of his expired personal well driller license and allow him to renew without reapplying and retesting. The personal license expired on 12/31/2013. The board reviewed the letter and are sympathetic, however, upon discussion, concluded that they were unable to grant the hardship pardon due to Section 6 of the Regulations for Licensing Water Well Contractors, Pump Installer Contractors, Well Drillers, Well Drivers, and Pump Installers. A motion was made by Mike Daisey and seconded by Melvyn Miller

to deny the hardship pardon based on Section 6 of the Regulations and to reply to Mr. Myers request, in writing, with a copy of the regulations, outlining the section which led them to their decision. The motion was carried with no opposition.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **2017 Fall Seminar** – Discussion continued regarding the 2017 Fall Seminar. Steve McCreary has contacted David Wunsch from the Delaware Geological Survey, who has accepted the invitation to speak at the event. Alan Pongratz has contacted Dennis Duty, a representative from Haliburton “Baroid” Corporation, who has also agreed to attend the seminar and possibly provide a display as well. Alan Pongratz will also contact Delaware Technical and Community College’s safety advisor regarding possibly doing a safety seminar. Mike Daisey has been in contact with the representative from Franklin Electric who has agreed to do a speech at the seminar. Eric Sackett will contact Miss Utility to inquire about their interest in possibly participating in the seminar. The seminar is going to take place at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Delaware, on Friday, December 1, 2017.
- **Violation Updates** – Alan Pongratz suggested that a letter be sent to all contractors regarding repeat violations since the new regulations were updated. Some of these violations include use of backfill (drill cuttings) on potable wells, gravel packing in excess of 10 feet above the well screen and call in authorizations not being completed. The board agreed that a letter be sent to all contractors reminding them that the regulations have changed and informing them that they will now receive a Notice of Violation if they continue to disregard the updated regulations.
- **Chairman of the Board** – The primary duties of a chairman are to call the meeting to order, sign the previous month’s approved minutes and corresponding with the Secretary of DNREC on behalf of the board. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to vote on whether or not to appoint a chairman to the board. The motion was carried with one opposition. A motion was made by Steve McCreary and seconded by Mike Kelley to nominate Mike Daisey to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mike Daisey accepted the nomination and will serve as the Chairman of the Delaware Water Well Licensing Board Chairman until his term expires.

Mike Daisey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Alan Pongratz and carried with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sarah Jones, Licensing Coordinator

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Mike Daisey, Licensing Board Chairman

Date